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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An absorbent substrate, comprising a flexible substantially planar sheet of at least one layer, having a front side and a back side, with a donning agent associated with at least one side of said sheet, wherein said donning agent is transferable from said sheet.
2. (Original) The substrate of claim 1 wherein the said donning agent is a bio-compatible and sterilizable substance.
3. (Original) The substrate of claim 2 wherein the said sheet is selected from a cellulosic-based material, a stretch bonded laminate material, a nonwoven reinforced cellulosic-based material; a nonwoven material, a cloth material or a combination thereof.
4. (Original) The substrate of claim 1 wherein said donning agent is selected from a wetting agent, a substance that acts as a wetting agent, a silicone, and combinations thereof.
5. (Original) The substrate of claim 1, further comprising at least one substance, on or within at least one side of said sheet, selected from the group consisting of skin health agents, residual antimicrobial substrate agents, antimicrobial agents or combinations thereof.
6. (Original) The substrate of claim 5 wherein said skin health agents are selected from the group consisting of aloe vera, vitamin E, emollients and combinations thereof.
7. (Original) The substrate of claim 1 wherein said substrate in a nonwoven reinforced cellulosic-based substrate and said nonwoven material is scrim.
8. (Cancelled)
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16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
- 8 ~~18~~. (Original) An absorbent substrate, comprising a flexible substantially planar sheet of at least one layer, having a front side and a back side, with a donning agent, skin health agent and antimicrobial agent associated with at least one side of said sheet, wherein said donning agent, skin health agent and antimicrobial agent are each transferable from said sheet.
- 9 ~~19~~. (Original) The absorbent substrate of claim ~~18~~, wherein said donning agent is associated with both sides of said sheet.
- 10 ~~20~~. (Original) The absorbent substrate of claim ~~18~~, wherein said absorbent substrate includes multiple layers.
- 11 ~~21~~. (New) An absorbent substrate, comprising a flexible substantially planar sheet of at least one layer, having a front side and a back side, where said sheet has at least one distinct absorbent region and at least one distinct donning agent region with a donning agent associated with said donning agent region, wherein said donning agent is transferable from said sheet.
- 12 ~~22~~. (New) The substrate of claim ~~21~~ wherein the front side of said sheet comprises said donning agent region.
- 13 ~~23~~. (New) The substrate of claim ~~21~~ wherein the donning agent region is comprised of parallel rows of donning agent on the substrate separated by parallel rows of absorbent regions.
- 14 ~~24~~. (New) The substrate of claim ~~21~~ wherein the said donning agent is a bio-compatible and sterilizable substance.
- 15 ~~25~~. (New) The substrate of claim ~~23~~ wherein the said sheet is selected from a cellulosic-based material, a stretch bonded laminate material, a nonwoven reinforced cellulosic-based material; a nonwoven material, a cloth material or a combination thereof.
- 16 ~~26~~. (New) The substrate of claim ~~21~~ wherein said donning agent is selected from a wetting agent, a substance that acts as a wetting agent, a silicone, and combinations thereof.
- 17 ~~27~~. (New) The substrate of claim ~~21~~, further comprising at least one substance, on or within at least one side of said sheet, selected from the group consisting of skin health agents, residual antimicrobial substrate agents, antimicrobial agents or combinations thereof.

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- 18 / 28. (New) The substrate of claim ¹⁷27 wherein said skin health agents are selected from the group consisting of aloe vera, vitamin E, emollients and combinations thereof.
- 19 / 29. (New) The substrate of claim ¹¹21 wherein said substrate in a nonwoven reinforced cellulosic-based substrate and said nonwoven material is scrim.